

Snow Searcher's Ski Club

SKI BLAST

SEPTEMBER 2009

Message from the Prez...



Fall Greetings! And it really does feel like

Fall. Winter and skiing can't be too far away! Inside this Ski Blast you will see plenty of pictures demonstrating the fun your fellow ski friends have had this Summer cruising on the Shenandoah and the West River, and of course "chowing down"..... another favorite extracurricular activity, and part of any successful outing.

We are going to have a change of plans this Fall. **There will not be a September general membership meeting!** During our last Board meeting, when we began planning for the usual September startup of the general meetings, we realized there just won't be enough board members in town to conduct the event. So, we have decided to have October 20th as the first membership meeting to kickoff the 2009-2010 ski season. To lull you out to this first meeting of the season, we are going to have more food, bigger

door prizes, and hopefully, more fun. So mark your calendars and enjoy a few hours with the ski club!

For Fall activities, we will once again have a cruise and crab eating event on our favorite Skipjack with Captain Jack Russell. You will find the flyer inside this Ski Blast. Sign up fast though. This event fills quickly. We have also heard that Blob's Park has reopened, so we are considering hosting an evening at this Octoberfest landmark. We will send emails to members when we arrange that. Inside this issue, you will also see an ad for the 13th Annual Hot Air Balloon Festival and the West River Heritage Day Oyster Festival. Unfortunately, they both occur on the same weekend. For these events, you make your own arrangements for tickets, transportation, etc. However, if you are going, please email me at dcbrownpsia@hotmail.com with the event you are attending, the date, and your contact information. I will send a compiled list to other members so you can find friends to link up with at either event. By the way, if you stay till evening

hours at the Balloon festival, it is really awesome to see so many balloons lit up at night. You can also arrange in advance for a balloon flight.

If you look closely at this Ski Blast, you may notice we have a new Editor. It totally "bums" me that we are losing Marcia after so many years, but on the bright side, she deserves her retirement from the task. Also, our new Editor, Chris Vonk, is enthusiastically embracing her new role. We are a very fortunate club indeed!

A hearty congratulations go out to Mike Asbery and his family. After a very long search, he has finally found a new abode, and moving from Maryland to Virginia. Enjoy your new home Mike, Joy and Kimmie! And everyone else who is signing up for Mike's trip to Sunday River, make note of the address change on the flyer.

See you all at the October 20th 2009-2010 Membership Kickoff Meeting!

*Dawn Brown
President*

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Special points of interest:

- **General Meetings:** Open to current and potential members - **Win Door Prizes!** Usually held at 5pm on the 3rd Tuesday of each month during ski season. Bldg 72, training room (next to the Post Office).
- **Board Meetings:** Usually held the 1st Tuesday of each month, at 5pm



Kick Off Meeting October 20th

Club Information

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<http://www.skicouncil.com/>

Newsletter Deadline:

Third Tuesday of each month. Send info to Chris Vonk, Code 7102, chris.vonk@nrl.navy.mil



The NRL Snow Searchers Ski Club (SSSC) is a group dedicated to having a good time both on and off the slopes. The Club is open to employees of the Naval Research Laboratory (NRL), their spouses, friends, and other fun-loving people.

The Club specializes in one day ski and snowboard trips to nearby resorts in Pennsylvania, Maryland, and West Virginia—all reachable within four hours by bus. The Club also sponsors several off season activities.

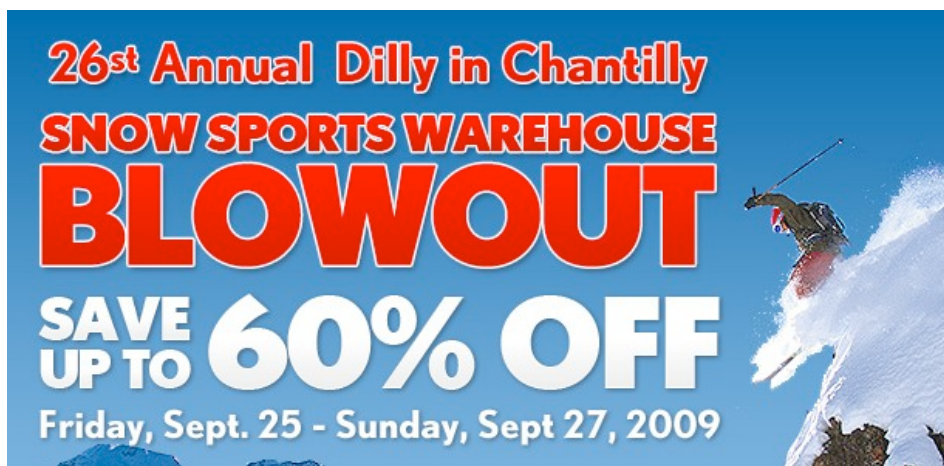


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Odds & Ends

Here's a reminder to our members who are looking for new ski gear. Don't miss Ski Chalet's annual summer sale! Also, take advantage of the pre-season rush and get your skis tuned for the 2010 season at a 25% reduction of normal fees till November 1st.



SSSC Wear

SSSC BASEBALL CAPS. Summer's here. Need a cap to ward off the sun's rays? There are a limited number of these great baseball caps left. Once they are gone there will be no more. \$20 each. Contact Mike Asbery (202) 404-3014 for more info, or see them at the next general meeting.



SHIRTS! SHIRTS! SHIRTS! – SSSC has great polo shirts for sale with the club logo. The polo shirts are 50/50 poly-cotton knit with chest pockets sporting the SSSC logo, welt knit collars and two pearl buttons. Colors are white with a black logo, and royal blue with a white logo. Sizes small to 2XL, \$15. There is a limited supply left so come to the next General Meeting to inspect the shirts and try them on for size. For more info contact Marcia Shepherd (301) 868-7538.



POLE FLAGS and NECK WALLET - Although ski season is over why not plan ahead and get your pole flags and/or neck wallets while they last? \$5 each. For more info contact Marcia Shepherd (301) 868-7538 or e-mail skiermjs@verizon.net



SSSC Membership Kickoff Meeting

October 20, 2009

Come to the first General Membership Meeting of the 2009-2010 ski season!!!!

Very desirable door prizes including a \$50 Ski Chalet gift certificate

Lots of food: pizza, Caesar salad, desserts

Make sure you "re-up" your membership!

You'd better be there.....especially to give congratulations to Marcia!!!!



Words of wisdom from the SSSC Ski Bunny.

I know you all recognize this cheerful face. Of course it is Marcia Shepherd, and we are calling attention to her because she is finally hanging up her 20 year shingle as the Editor of the SSSC Ski Blast!

Marcia, you have most certainly done an outstanding job in the production of our newsletter. No matter what words I use seem trite in the face of your record of service, but here they are: thank you so much for a job extraordinarily well done!

And, congratulations to Christine Vonk for stepping into your shoes as Editor. The Board promises you won't have to nag us toooooo much for our monthly input and articles.





West River Cruise - August 23

I believe the second favorite place for SSSC members to be...after the ski slopes of course...is on a boat on the water. So here we are again on a most enjoyable 2 hour Sunday cruise on the West River out of Shady Side, Maryland. After the cruise, we took the opportunity to eat yummy seafood at Thursday's Steak and Crabhouse, one of the many great restaurants nearby. A smaller group of us extended our evening after dinner and walked over to the Pirates Cove to listen to the live music and wash down the fun with a margarita.



Locke's Mill Summer Picnic, August 15

It turned out to be a beautiful summer day for about 35 SSSC members enjoying a bountiful feast and kayaking with friends at Jon and Carol's home on the Shenandoah. Here are some of the pictures taken throughout the afternoon.

Setting up the tables and the first of the food.



Our happy host Jon.
Hey where's Carol?



There she is in white standing with the first group of kayakers getting ready to go up to the "input."



Now doesn't this look like the perfect way to spend an afternoon?

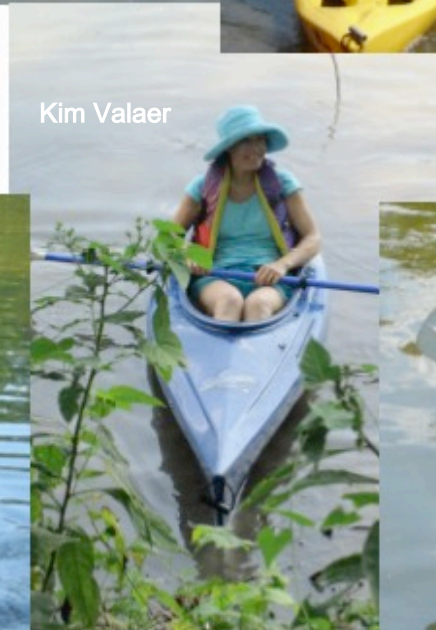


Dave



Kelly

happy



Kim Valaer

kayakers !



Mike & Kim



What goes into the river, must come out of the river.



Here's an appreciative hoorah for Mike, our outdoor chef!

Yummy looking gourmet tube steak.



Time to "chow down"



Happy B'day!

The round metal plate is a coupler to connect the outside water wheel axle to the inside wooden shaft (which was just installed this past week(!), and not shown in the picture. Also visible in the photo are the 12"x12" white oak beams which are part of the hurst frame which will support the millstones, again in the future.





*Tenth Annual Outing on
"The Dee" of St Mary's*

Date: Sat. Oct 10, 2009

Time: 11:30 A.M.

Where: St Georges Island, Md.

Cost: \$45 pp



OK Folks – here we go again!!

This will be our tenth time sailing with Cap'n Jack and we always have a wonderful day on the water. From St Georges Island we sail up the St. Mary's River and back on an authentic skipjack built locally in St. Mary's County, and if you are interested you're welcome to take the wheel. The trip takes 2 hours. Along the way we will dine on steamed blue crabs, corn-on-the-cob, potato salad and fixin's as well as liquid refreshments.

Cap'n Jack also narrates a brief informative history of the area. The scenery is spectacular, the company is great and the weather is beautiful this time of year.

Space is limited to 35 people. This trip always fills up fast, so if you're interested give us a call. Sign up now so you won't be left "on the dock".

Contact: Marcia Shepherd
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(301)868-7538

Dawn Brown
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Here are two great Fall Festivals happening in October. Plan ahead and go to one or the other, or both.

Email Dawn Brown if you plan to go to either festival. Dawn will send an email announcement to all SSSC members so friends can make arrangements to meet up and enjoy events together.



13th Annual Hot Air Balloon, Wine and Music Festival on October 16th, 17th, and 18th, 2009 in Millwood, Virginia

Go to <http://www.historiclongbranch.com/balloonfest/> for Information about admission fees, online tickets, directions, area hotels, arranging balloon rides, festival entertainment, participating Virginia wineries, RV Rules and Regulations, and the Wizard of Oz 70th Anniversary events.

October 18 - West River Heritage Day Oyster Festival

The OYSTER FESTIVAL from 12:30 to 5:00 PM includes oysters, food, tours, drink, music, crafts and children's activities. Winner of a \$5,000 raffle will be announced during the festival.

Admission \$6. Children 12 and under free.

* Free Parking and shuttle service from Shady Side ballfields. Handicapped parking at the Museum. For more information, call the Museum at 410-867-4486.

* Guests at the festival will be treated to traditional food from the Bay, including grilled oysters by Adam's, the Place for Ribs, and crab cakes by Skipper's Pier. In addition, there will be hamburgers, hot dogs, funnel cakes, beer, wine and sodas.

* Popular musicians will provide entertainment throughout the day. Craftsmen, authors and the Museum Shop will have displays and items for purchase. Games and crafts will take place in the children's activity corner including face painting and harvest crafts.

* Mrs. Avery's Tea tours will bring visitors to the kitchen where samples of the cakes and cookies typical of the 1870's will be served. Homemade desserts will be for sale on the porch where guests are invited to "sit a spell" and enjoy the view of the West River and festivities on the grounds.

* There will be a "green table," offering environmentally friendly rain barrels and plants for sale, and informative literature will be available.

* \$5 tickets for the \$5,000 raffle will be sold at the Festival. Purchasers need not be present to win. Tickets may also be purchased by mail by sending a check payable to the Shady Side Rural Heritage Society, to P.O. Box 89, Shady Side, MD 20764.

Winter Park, Colorado

January 24-30, 2010

\$950

- RT from BWI to Denver—Bus transfer to Winter Park
- 6 Nights lodging at Winter Park Mountain Lodge
- 5 Day lift ticket
- 24 hour front desk
- Non-smoking rooms
- Indoor Pool
- Website: www.winterparkhotel.com
- Trip limited to 22 participants

Deposit \$150

Brad Kuhn, Leader

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Alexandria, VA 22315

SUNDAY RIVER, MAINE

February 21-26, 2010

\$725

- RT transportation (air and bus)
- 5 Nights lodging at 5 star Grand Summit Hotel (ski-in/ski-out)
- 5 Day lift ticket
- Health club, Jacuzzi, and sauna
- Kitchenette rooms available (sign up early!)
- Heated outdoor pool
- Website: www.sundayriver.com
- Group rate discounts for rentals

Deposit \$100

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BIG SKY, MONTANA

March 13-20, 2010

\$1560

- RT transportation (Dulles/Bozeman, MT)
- Bus transfer to Big Sky (approx 50 min)
- 7 Nights lodging at Huntley Lodge (ski-in/ski-out)
- 7 Breakfasts
- 5 of 6 day lift ticket *
- Welcome reception
- Group dinner
- Yellowstone tour available
- Website: www.bigsky.com

Deposit \$100

Dave Roberts, Co-Leader

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Susan Piatt, Co-Leader

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* 6th day is additional \$50

Sign Up Early!

The week long trips fill
quickly.

For additional trip
details visit

www.nrl.navy.mil/sssc





SNOW SEARCHERS SKI CLUB

NAVAL RESEARCH LABORATORY

TRIP APPLICATION FORM

TRIP TO: Winter Park, CO DATE(S) Jan 24-30, 2010

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

Street City State Zip

PHONE: _____
Home Work Cell

E-MAIL:

NRL CODE: BLDG/ROOM

Roommate: _____

Payment Schedule: (No refunds after Nov 1, 2009)

\$100 / Person – With Application

\$400 / Person – Due – Sept 1, 2009

\$400 / Person – Balance Due – Nov 1, 2009

Non-refundable Costs:

Prices:

Base - \$900 / Person Double Occupancy

Trip Insurance – not included - recommended

\$50 – Deposit (Paid with Application)

Return application to: Brad Kuhn, 5906 Bond Court, Alexandria, VA

Participants

Base
Price

Sub
Total

Self	725					

Total Cost

Emergency Contact (Name)

Deposit

Emergency Phone Number

Balance Due

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Member Signature

Date _____

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NAVAL RESEARCH LABORATORY

TRIP APPLICATION FORM

TRIP TO: Big Sky, Montana DATE(S) Mar 13-20, 2010

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

Street City State Zip

PHONE: _____

Home Work Cell

E-MAIL:

NRL CODE: BLDG/ROOM

Payment Schedule:

\$100 / Person – With Application
\$500 / Person – Due – Sept 1, 2009
\$500 / Person – Due – Nov 1, 2009
\$460 / Person – Balance Due – Jan 1, 2010

Non-refundable Costs:

\$50 – Deposit (prior to Nov 1, 2009)

Prices:

Base - \$1560 / Person Double Occupancy
Trip Insurance – not included – recommended

Return application to: Dave Roberts
18216 Brenbridge Dr, Brandy Station, VA 22714
Phone: 202-767-2629(w) 703-508-2664(c)

Roommate: _____

Participants	Base Price	Trip Ins.(Y/N)	Extra Lift (Y/N)	Sub Total

Total Cost

Emergency Contact (Name)

Deposit

Emergency Phone Number

Balance Due

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Date _____

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SNOW SEARCHERS SKI CLUB
NAVAL RESEARCH LABORATORY

TRIP APPLICATION FORM

TRIP TO: Sunday River DATE(S) Feb 21 - 26, 2010

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

<i>Street</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Zip</i>
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PHONE: _____

<i>Home</i>	<i>Work</i>	<i>Cell</i>
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E-MAIL:

NRL CODE: BLDG/ROOM

Payment Schedule:

\$100 / Person – With Application

\$210 / Person – Due – Oct 1, 2009

\$210 / Person – Due – Nov 1, 2009

\$205 / Person – Balance Due – Dec 1, 2009

Refundable Costs: \$50 – Deposit

Prices:

Base - \$725 / Person Double Occupancy

Non-Skier – Deduct \$125 / Person

Roommates: _____

Participants	Base Price					Sub Total
<u>Self</u>	<u>725</u>					
Total Cost						

Emergency Contact (Name)	Deposit
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Emergency Phone Number	Balance Due
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Date _____

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NAVAL RESEARCH LABORATORY

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Oct. 1, 2009 thru Sept. 30, 2010

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____
Street

City
State
Zip

PHONE: _____
 Home *Work* *Cell*

E-MAIL:

NRL CODE: BLDG/ROOM

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP: (\$20)

Send My Mailings to:

NEW MEMBER RENEWAL

EMAIL Address _____

REGULAR (NRL EMPLOYEE/CONTRACTOR)

NRL Address

Home Address

ASSOCIATE (NON-NRL EMPLOYEE/CONTRACTOR)

(Associate members have no voting privileges and may not hold any office.)

All memberships are family memberships. A family is defined as husband, wife and children under the of age 21. List names of family members below and their email addresses if they would like club mailings

MAKE CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20.00 PAYABLE TO SSSC AND MAIL TO:

MIKE ASBERY, NRL CODE 5731.50 or

MIKE ASBERY 9010 BUTTONS DRIVE, CLINTON MD 20735

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Member

Date _____

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September 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 <u>NO</u> General Mtg	16	17	18	19
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27 Dilly in Chantilly	28	29	30			